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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

25X1 FROM: [REDACTED]  
Acting Deputy to the DCI for the  
Intelligence Community

SUBJECT: Intelligence Community Review of Reporting on China

25X1 1. [REDACTED] Action Requested: That you approve publishing the attached IC Staff study and also that you approve furnishing copies to the intelligence committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

25X1 2. [REDACTED] Background: Attachment was prepared by a CIA/OSR analyst detailed to the IC Staff in connection with an IC Staff assessment of intelligence reporting on China. The object of this effort was to determine if deficiencies exist with respect to intelligence products on Chinese political developments. To produce meaningful judgments with respect to U.S. intelligence performance, the scope of the study was limited to coverage of leadership politics in China from 1965-1975.

25X1 3. [REDACTED] While the study was in draft, the IC Staff conducted a detailed review of its content and conclusions by a broadly representative group of analysts and consumers of intelligence products on China within the National Security Council, State, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The results of this review have been incorporated in the study and its Principal Judgments, which are set forth on page 1 of the attachment. Basically, the participants in this effort have concluded that overall assessments on China were reasonably accurate during the period under review, given the closed nature of Chinese society, despite evident weaknesses in predicting specific leadership changes.

25X1 4. [REDACTED] Staff Position: We believe that the preparation of the attachment and its subsequent assessment by analysts and consumers under IC Staff auspices has provided a useful evaluation of the analytical methodologies which have been applied to the difficult problem of

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Chinese leadership analysis and represents an evaluative technique of potential value in measuring user satisfaction with other categories of intelligence products.

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5.  Recommendation: That you approve publication of the attached IC Staff study and that you authorize us to provide copies to the SSCI and HPSCI.

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Attachment:

An Appraisal of Intelligence Sources and  
Analyses in the Fall of Teng Hsiao-p'ing  
and in the Rise of Hua Kuo-feng

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Director of Central Intelligence

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Director of Central Intelligence

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